

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 540

By Shepard

A RESOLUTION to honor Craig Morgan for his contributions to the world of music and entertainment.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to recognize those intrepid citizens who have made notable and lasting contributions to their respective professions; and

WHEREAS, Craig Morgan of Dickson is one such estimable person who has enjoyed a dynamic and successful career as a country music artist for more than a decade and has earned much acclaim as both a songwriter and a performer; and

WHEREAS, born in Kingston Springs on July 17, 1965, Mr. Morgan is a proud veteran of the United States Army. During his ten-year enlistment, he was assigned to both the 101st and the 82nd Airborne Divisions as a Fire Support Specialist and held Airborne Jumpmaster and Air Assault qualifications; and

WHEREAS, Craig Morgan embarked upon his musical career in 2000 with the release of a self-titled debut album on Atlantic Records label. He has cut a number of popular albums and has had seventeen songs on the *Billboard* country charts, including “That’s What I Love About Sunday,” “Almost Home,” “Redneck Yacht Club,” “Little Bit of Life,” “International Harvester,” “Love Remembers,” and “Bonfire”; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morgan has been a faithful supporter of United States troops all over the world, giving musical performances at military bases at home and abroad and raising money for the Special Operations Warrior Foundation; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his generosity, the United Services Organization (USO) awarded him the USO 2006 Merit Award for his tireless support of soldiers and their families; and

WHEREAS, an avid outdoorsman, Mr. Morgan is the host of the weekly hunting program *Craig Morgan: All Access Outdoors*, which is now in its second season on the Outdoor Channel network; and

WHEREAS, Craig Morgan displayed great valor in February of 2011 when he fearlessly rescued two children from their burning home before manning a fire hose in an effort to battle the blaze. For this act of heroism, he received meritorious recognition from the Tennessee City Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Craig Morgan is a genuine family man who relishes the love, support, and companionship of his wife, Karen, and his children, Alex, Kyle, Jerry, and Wyatt; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should recognize the illustrious career and special musical talents of a gifted musician, the honorable service of a military veteran, and the acts of bravery of a good citizen; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Craig Morgan for his service to this country and his influence upon our musical heritage, offering our best wishes for his continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.